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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK ZA
SUBJ: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH KAUNDA POSTPONED TILL SUNDAY

1. MARK CHONA CALLED AGAIN THURSDAY TO SAY THAT KAUNDA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SMALL LUNCH WITH ME ON SUNDAY. DURING THE COURSE OF THE USUAL BANTER THAT GOES ON HE REFERRED TO THE CHANGES WHICH OCCUR SO RAPIDLY IN AFRICA AND DEBUNKED THE "STORIES" THAT KAUNDA WOULD GIVE ME A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER (STORIES WHICH LONDON OBSERVER REPORTER DAVID MARTIN GOT FROM CHONA AND SPREAD AROUND TOWN).

2. THESE REMARKS ADDED TO THE INTERESTING SPECTACLE OF THE PUBLIC DEBATE BEING CARRIED ON IN THE TWO ZAMBIAN NEWSPAPERS OVER THE DIFFERING TANZANIAN AND ZAMBIAN POSITIONS TOWARDS THE TIMING OF ELECTIONS IN ZIMBABWE GIVE RISE TO HOPE THAT
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KAUNDA MAY INDEED BE RETHINKING HIS POSITION. IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE HOWEVER TO BECOME TOO OPTIMISTIC TOO SOON. THE LUNCH MAY BE CHANGED; EDITORIALS STILL SUPPORT KAUNDA'S POSITION IN FAVOR OF DIRECT HANDOVER OF POWER TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

3. WE AGREE WITH JIM SPAIN'S MOST RECENT ASSESSMENT OF

THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS (DAR 4700) BUT
WONDER WHETHER A RESOLUTION MAY NOT BE QUICKER IN
COMING THAN WE HAD AT FIRST THOUGHT. IF THAT SHOULD BE
THE CASE WE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE
MAIN MOTIVATING FORCE WILL BE THE DESIRE OF BOTH NYERERE
AND KAUNDA TO PUT THE RESPONSIBILITY SQUARELY ON OUR
SHOULDERS TO GET RID OF SMITH. THEY WILL WANT US TO MOVE
AHEAD PROMPTLY AND VIGOROUSLY.

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